

It was a trip that made sense to Southwest, whose logo is a large heart—even if it meant giving up time and money.

“We’ve always been an airline that has lead with heart,” Tiller said of her company. “It’s hard to find a spare aircraft with more than 3,500 flights a day. To be able to get our top leadership to donate time and plane fuel to save animals is touching. It’s when our employees shine the most are, when people donating time. Everyone is almost in tears because they are so touched to be a part of this.”

And for Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, this trip was another small but important step to finding loving homes for all the needy animals of the world.

The non-profit plans to continue helping the pets of Puerto Rico and is working to send more animals to the mainland through the pressurized cargo holds of United Airlines planes, because caring for animals is a way to help everyone.

“When we lose sight of how we treat animals, we tend to lose sight of our humanity,” Horowitz said of what the trip meant to her. “We can’t forget the pets.”

**CONGRATULATING THE UCONN  
FIELD HOCKEY TEAM ON THEIR  
HISTORIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the latest achievement of the University of Connecticut Women’s Field Hockey team. On Sunday, November 19, 2017, the UConn women celebrated a 2–1 win over the University of Maryland in the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s Division I Field Hockey championship. The victory marked the 23rd straight win of the Huskies’ historic undefeated season.

The championship is the fifth in UConn field hockey history, and caps the sixth perfect season in all of NCAA field hockey history. The team’s senior class is also the most successful in the school’s history, with a record of 87–6 and a pair of national championships.

The victory was Coach Nancy Stevens’ third championship title. Stevens, who is field hockey’s winningest coach, has brought much success to UConn. In the past five seasons alone under Stevens, UConn has won three of those five national championship titles.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating the University of

Connecticut Field Hockey team on yet another successful season. May their win be an example to all, that with hard work, dedication, and passion, greatness is within reach.

**TRIBUTE TO BRIGITTE MARIE  
KELLEY**

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Brigitte “Brig” Kelley, who passed away in California on December 10, 2017. Brig was the loving wife of former California State Senator David G. Kelley and she will be deeply missed.

Brig was born in Potsdam, Germany, a suburb of Berlin, to Dr. Herman-Walter Frey and Marie Frey-Richter on Nov. 20, 1926. She spent her youth in Berlin, Germany; Salzburg, Austria; Rome, Italy; and Freiburg, Germany. She studied English at the University of Freiburg and in 1948 she received a Quaker Scholarship to attend Mills College in Oakland, California.

Brig spent two years in the United States and upon her return met David, her husband to be. They married in 1953 and returned to Hemet in 1955 to settle on their citrus ranch in Bautista Canyon. Brig taught German in Adult Continuing Education and Spanish at Mt. San Jacinto Junior College. She loved collecting art and antiques—in particular Spanish and religious art—and enjoyed traveling all over the world.

I have had the distinct privilege of knowing Brig for many years. I was proud to call her my friend and I will deeply miss her. I extend my heartfelt condolences to my good friend Dave Kelley as well as the entire Kelley family. Although Brig may be gone, her legacy and memory will live on.

**HONORING JOSEPH GERCZAK**

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and remember one of Pennsylvania’s sons, and a native of Philadelphia, United States Coast Guard Signalman Third Class Joseph Gerczak.

Working as an apprentice machinist making gun parts after graduating high school, Joseph enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on September 26, 1942.

Following his training and early assignments, Joseph joined the crew of Landing Ship Tank 66, and was on board during the first assault against the Japanese-held Borgen Bay Area of New Britain on December 26, 1943.

Joseph’s ship was in the bay while other vessels unloaded cargo onto the beach when seven Japanese dive bombers attacked his ship. He immediately manned his battle station and was the first crew member to return fire against the enemy.

Joseph opened fire, unloading his drums of ammunition into the dive bombers, blasting two from the sky while bombs fell from the planes, striking his ship. He continued his assault against the enemy planes until he was struck by a blast that fatally wounded him and destroyed his battle station.

The American assault at Borgen Bay was successful, due in part to Joseph’s courage, perseverance, and unwavering strength in the face of tremendous odds. Joseph was recognized for his sacrifice, posthumously awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and the Presidential Unit Commendation.

This weekend, on March 9th, 2018, the Coast Guard will commission a Fast Response Cutter in Honolulu, Hawaii. The cutter will be named USCGC *Joseph Gerczak*. Joseph’s sister and only surviving sibling, 92-year-old Stella Gerczak, will be in attendance at the ship’s commissioning. Stella lives in my community, and we owe her, Joseph, and their entire family a debt of gratitude we will never be able to fully repay.

The commissioning of the USCGC *Joseph Gerczak* is just one way we can show our heartfelt and lasting gratitude for a brave young man who gave his life in service to our great nation.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, March 5, 2018 I missed the following votes and was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 92, and YEA on Roll Call No. 93.